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ABSTRACT

A synopsis is presented of Alabama higher education-related legislation that gained approval and a detailed analysis of the 1979-80 appropriations for higher education is provided. Both special and regular sessions of the 1979 Alabama Legislature are covered. During the regular session, from April 17, 1979 through July 30, 1979, only 12 of approximately 91 education-related bills introduced were passed into law. Among the more notable bills passed was a bill to strengthen the regulatory authority of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. (SW)

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Special and Regular Sessions of the

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On January 18, 1979, a Special Session of the Legislature convened at the call of Governor Fob James to consider a delay of the starting date of the Regular Session. The Governor requested the delay in order to have time to review the budget and to study revisions of the State Constitution. The Legislature granted the delay on the fifth and final day of the Special Session.

During the Regular Session, from April 17, 1979 through July 30, 1979, only twelve of approximately ninety-one education-related bills introduced were passed into law. An education appropriation bill with virtually no increase in funds for higher education but with a compromised increase in funds for elementary and secondary education for the Governor's "War on Illiteracy" passed during the last days of the session. Also, among the more notable bills passed was a bill to strengthen the regulatory authority of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

No action was finalized on the proposed revision of the 1901 Constitution. Among other noteworthy bills introduced but not passed were: a Guaranteed Student Loan Program bill enabling students to receive low interest education loans guaranteed by the State and reinsured by the Federal Government; legislation authorizing a State Approving Agency to regulate certain schools and funds therefor; and a bill providing the Legislature approval authority over the location of a trade school or junior college.

The following sections of this report provide a synopsis of the higher education related legislation which gained approval and a detailed analysis of the 1979-80 appropriations for higher education.

MAJOR HIGHER EDUCATION LEGISLATION
PASSED BY THE 1979 ALABAMA LEGISLATURE

Senate Bill 55 — Act 322

A Private Colleges and Universities Facilities Authority was hereby created to manage transactions dealing with educational facilities for private institutions of higher education.

Senate Bill 389 — Act 834

Based on availability in the Special Education Trust Fund, the sum of $500,000 was conditionally appropriated for the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama in Birmingham for capital outlay to complete internal construction at the Diabetes Hospital.

House Bill 109 — Act 225

The Code of Alabama was amended so as to provide for a board of trustees and for the operation of the University of Montevallo. The mission of the university was stated as one of providing an accessible, affordable, small college experience of high quality to students.

House Bill 386 — Act 458

As substituted and amended, the Education Appropriations Budget provided a 1.9 percent increase over the previous year's appropriation. Higher education received only a 0.2 percent increase over last year. A detailed analysis of the appropriations for higher education begins on Page five.

Appropriations to Private Colleges

Four private colleges received direct state appropriations:

House Bill 388	Act 445
Marion Military Institute	$ 325,000
House Bill 389	Act 446
Tuskegee Institute	$1,460,000
House Bill 390	Act 447
Talladega College	$ 300,000
House Bill 391	Act 448
Walker County Junior College	$ 400,000

House Bill 494 Act 461

Under Act 461, the Commission was given authority of approval for all new units of instruction on main campuses, for existing and new units of instruction on certain branch campuses, and for instruction offered by non-Alabama institutions. Additional responsibilities include long-range planning, administering titles of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and functions under the Southern Regional Education Compact as well as other powers and duties related to coordination of higher education in the State.

House Bill 580 Act 540

A conditional seven percent cost-of-living increase for teachers and educational support personnel was provided by the Conference Committee version of this bill.

House Bill 722 Act 807

Through this legislation a provision for the allocation of funding made for the nursing programs at the technical branch of the George C. Wallace State Community College in Dothan.

House Bill 953 Act 724

This bill provided for a cost-of-living increase for all state employees and officials, with the exact percentage based on the condition of the Trust Fund and the availability of monies.

ANALYSIS OF 1979-80 APPROPRIATIONS
FROM
ALABAMA SPECIAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND

HIGHER EDUCATION

Based on the condition of the ASETF and on a request from the Governor, the ACHE recommended the same level of funding for 1979-80 as that appropriated for 1978-79.

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
Alabama A&M University			
Operations and Maintenance (Regular Acad. Prog.)	$ 8,100,000	$ 8,100,000	$ -0-
Vocational Teacher Education (Research & Public Service)	250,000	250,000	-0-
Total: Alabama A&M University	$ 8,350,000	$ 8,350,000	$ -0-
Alabama State University			
Operations and Maintenance (Regular Acad. Prog.)	$ 7,368,175	$ 7,368,175	$ -0-
Total: Alabama State University (Regular Acad. Prog.)	$ 7,368,175	$ 7,368,175	$ -0-
Athens State College			
Operations and Maintenance (Regular Acad. Prog.)	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,500,000	$ -0-
Total: Athens State College	$ 1,500,000	$ 1,500,000	$ -0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
Auburn University			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 34,962,440	$ 34,962,440	$ -0-
School of Nursing	500,000	500,000	$ -0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	$ 35,462,440	$ 35,462,440	$ -0-
Energy Research	250,000	250,000	-0-
Cooperative Extension Service - Employees' Retirement	1,022,840	1,022,840	-0-
Engineering Experiment Station	812,232	812,232	-0-
Clinical Psychology	110,000	110,000	-0-
Center for Vocational and Adult Teacher Training	500,000	500,000	-0-
Educational Television	352,068	352,068	-0-
Research & Public Service (Includes funding for: Fisheries Management Training Program, Pharmacy Services, and Engineering Information Service)	346,841	346,841	-0-
Subtotal: Research and Public Service	3,393,981	3,393,981	-0-
Total: Auburn University	$ 38,856,421	$ 38,856,421	$ -0-
Agricultural Exp. Station System	$ 7,224,277	$ 7,224,277	$ -0-
Cooperative Extension Service - Operations	$ 7,893,538	$ 7,893,538	$ -0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
Auburn University at Montgomery			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 5,281,493	$ 5,281,493	$ -0-
School of Nursing	250,000	250,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	5,531,493	5,531,493	-0-
Center for Government and Public Affairs (Research & Public Serv.)	150,000	150,000	-0-
Comm. Health Sciences Inst. (Health-Related)	127,769	127,769	-0-
Total: Auburn University at Montgomery	$ 5,809,262	$ 5,809,262	$ -0-
Jacksonville State University			
Operations and Maintenance (includes College of Nursing)	$ 10,372,378	$ 10,372,378	$ -0-
Gadsden (CUUP)	484,622	484,622	-0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	10,875,000	10,875,000	-0-
Vocational Education (Research and Public Service)	100,000	100,000	-0-
Cerebral Palsy Development Center (Health-Related)	100,000	100,000	-0-
Total: Jacksonville State University	$ 11,075,000	$ 11,075,000	$ -0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
Livingston University			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 3,211,782	$ 3,211,782	$ -0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Total: Livingston University	$ 3,229,782	$ 3,229,782	$ -0-
Troy State University			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 6,508,599	$ 6,508,599	$ -0-
Dothan/Ft. Rucker	870,000	870,000	-0-
Maxwell/Montgomery	222,800	222,800	-0-
Nursing Program (B.S.) - Montgomery	250,000	250,000	-0-
Bay Minette Branch	50,000	50,000	-0-
Nursing Scholarships	36,000	36,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	$ 7,937,399	$ 7,937,399	$ -0-
Vocational Teacher Education (Research and Public Service)	(incl. O&M)	(incl. O&M)	-
Total: Troy State University	$ 7,937,399	$ 7,937,399	$ -0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of Alabama			
Operations and Maintenance (includes School of Nursing)	$ 31,723,728	$ 31,723,728	$ -0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Gadsden (CUUP)	193,189	193,189	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	31,934,917	31,934,917	-0-
Research and Public Service (Includes funding for: University Press, Bureau of Legal Research, Bureau of Public Administration, Bureau of Educational Services and Research, Center for Business and Economic Research, Institute of Higher Education, University Television Services, Law Center, Metric Institute, Center for the Study of Southern Culture and History, and Center for Developmental Learning)	$ 1,850,000	$ 1,850,000	$ -0-
Vocational Teacher Training	340,057	340,057	-0-
Training of Clinical Psychologists	(incl. in R & PS)	(incl. in R & PS)	-
School of Mines (Includes funding for: Mineral Resources Institute; Natural Resources Center; State Mine Experiment Station; and affiliate units, including Office of Resource Economics and Management, Office of Energy Policy and Administration, and Office of Energy Law)	1,059,000	1,059,000	-0-
Safe State Program	-	160,489	$ 160,489
Museum of Natural History, Moundville	150,000	150,000	-0-
Subtotal: Research and Public Service	3,399,057	3,559,546	160,489

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of Alabama (continued)			
College of Community Health Sciences (First Prof. Hth.)	$ 2,154,986	$ 2,154,986	$ -0-
Center for Emotionally Disturbed Children	472,462	472,462	-0-
Family Practice Center	741,645	741,645	-0-
Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Training)	125,000	125,000	-0-
High Risk Nursery (Medical Genetics)	-0-	100,000	100,000
WACS/RISE (formerly Rural Infant Development)	125,000	125,000	-0-
Subtotal: Health-Related	1,464,107	1,564,107	100,000
Total: University of Alabama	$ 38,953,067	$ 39,213,556	$ 260,489
University of Alabama in Birmingham			
University College	$ 13,452,764	$ 13,452,764	$ -0-
Joint Health Sciences	2,392,488	2,392,488	-0-
School of Public and Allied Health	1,838,473	1,838,473	-0-
Regional Technical Institute	1,697,245	1,697,245	-0-
School of Nursing	2,546,102	2,546,102	-0-
Nursing Scholarships	88,400	88,400	-0-
Student Nurse Loans	12,000	12,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	22,027,472	22,027,472	-0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of Alabama in Birmingham (continued)			
Center for Labor Education and Research	$ 269,174	$ 269,174	$ -0-
Vocational Teacher Education	(incl. in UC)	(incl. in UC)	-
Urban Research and Public Service (Includes funding for the Center for Urban Affairs). . . .	170,212	170,212	-0-
Subtotal: Research and Public Service	439,386	439,386	-0-
School of Medicine	16,199,000	16,199,000	-0-
School of Dentistry (incl. Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting)	6,938,000	6,938,000	-0-
School of Optometry (incl. Physiological Optics)	2,021,500	2,021,500	-0-
System Medical Education Program	503,500	503,500	-0-
Subtotal: First Professional Health	25,662,000	25,662,000	-0-
Health-Related Research and Public Service (Includes funding for: Medical Information via Telephone; Lurleen B. Wallace Cancer Center; Cardiovascular Program; Diabetes Clinic; Spinal Cord Injury Program; Project H.E.L.P.; Urology Department; Multi-Media Health Library; Office of Health Extension, Public Service and Research; Medical Rehabilitation Research and Training Center; and Center for Developmental and Learning Disorders)	2,889,654	2,889,654	-0-
University Hospitals (Diabetes, Cancer, & Heart)	5,907,000	5,907,000	-0-
Family Practice Residency Programs	1,762,000	1,762,000	-0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of Alabama in Birmingham (continued)			
Multipurpose Arthritis Center	$ 400,000	$ 400,000	$ -0-
Medical Genetics	-	200,000	200,000
Department of Pediatrics	318,000	318,000	-0-
Hypertension Research	400,000	400,000	-0-
Emergency Medical Training including Mining Emergency Training and Safety	165,000	165,000	-0-
Subtotal: Health-Related	11,841,654	12,041,654	200,000
Total: University of Alabama in Birmingham	59,970,512	60,170,512	200,000
University of Alabama in Huntsville			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 5,791,184	$ 5,791,184	$ -0-
School of Nursing	792,027	792,027	-0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	6,601,211	6,601,211	-0-
Johnson Environmental and Energy Center	269,191	269,191	-0-
Alabama Solar Energy Center	117,657	267,657	150,000
Subtotal: Research and Public Service	368,848	536,848	150,000

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of Alabama in Huntsville (continued)			
School of Primary Medical Care (First Professional Health)	$ 2,642,511	$ 2,642,511	$ -0-
Paramedic Training Program	125,000	125,000	-0-
Ambulatory Care Center	646,403	646,403	-0-
Subtotal: Health-Related	771,403	771,403	-0-
Total: University of Alabama in Huntsville	$ 10,401,973	$ 10,551,973	$ 150,000
University of Montevallo			
Operations and Maintenance (Regular Acad. Prog.)	$ 4,975,198	$ 4,975,198	$ -0-
Vocational Education	50,000	50,000	-0-
Highway Safety Program	125,714	125,714	-0-
Communications Center (ETV)	18,178	18,178	-0-
Subtotal: Research and Public Service	193,892	193,892	-0-
School for Asphasic Children (Health-Related)	199,464	199,464	-0-
Total: University of Montevallo	$ 5,368,554	$ 5,368,554	$ -0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
University of North Alabama			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 7,000,000	$ 7,000,000	$ -0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Total: University of North Alabama	$ 7,018,000	$ 7,018,000	$ -0-
University of South Alabama			
Operations and Maintenance	$ 9,852,713	$ 9,852,713	$ -0-
Division of Allied Health	586,432	586,432	-0-
School of Nursing	468,864	468,864	-0-
Nursing Scholarships	18,000	18,000	-0-
Basic Medical Sciences	200,000	200,000	-0-
Subtotal: Regular Academic Programs	11,126,009	11,126,009	-0-
Research and Public Service	91,398	91,398	-0-
College of Medicine	8,259,329	8,259,329	-0-
Statewide Medical Education	187,824	187,824	-0-
Subtotal: First Professional Health	8,447,153	8,447,153	-0-
University Medical Center	1,677,427	1,677,427	-0-
Birth Defect/Genetics Center	-	200,000	200,000
Ambulatory Care Center	99,304	99,304	-0-

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
Reproductive Health Science Center	50,000	50,000	-0-
Family Practice Residency Program - Pike County, Baldwin County and Dothan	577,000	577,000	-0-
Paramedic Training Program	125,000	125,000	-0-
Human and Clinical Nutrition	$ 25,000	$ 25,000	$ -0-
Newborn Growth and Development Program	79,097	79,097	-0-
Subtotal: Health-Related	2,632,828	2,832,828	200,000
Total: University of South Alabama	$ 22,297,388	$ 22,497,388	$ 200,000
Total: Support of Regular Academic Programs	$ 163,687,096	$ 163,687,096	$ -0-
Total: Research and Public Service*	$ 23,522,377	$ 23,832,866	$ 310,489
Total: First Professional Health Instruction	$ 38,906,650	$ 38,906,650	$ -0-
Total: Other Health-Related Research and Public Service (Hospitals, Clinics, etc.)	$ 17,137,225	$ 17,637,225	$ 500,000
Grand Total: Universities*	$ 243,253,348	$ 244,063,837	$ 810,489
Total: Junior College School System	$ 40,000,859	$ 40,293,000	$ 292,141
Total: Postsecondary Vocational/Technical Education System	$ 32,975,521	$ 32,451,521	$ (524,000)
GRAND TOTAL: HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS	$ 316,229,728	$ 316,808,358	$ 578,630

*Includes appropriations to Agricultural Experiment Station System and Cooperative Extension Service-Operations.

	1978-79 ASETF Appropriation	1979-80 ASETF Appropriation	Amount of Increase or Decrease
OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION			
Board of Dental Scholarships	$ 228,000	$ 228,000	$ -0-
Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium	568,750	512,000	(56,750)
Medical Scholarships Board	555,000	711,000	156,000
Hemophilia Program	300,000	300,000	-0-
TOTAL: OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION	$ 1,651,750	$ 1,751,000	$ 99,250

NOTE: A conditional appropriation of $200,000 for George C. Wallace State Community College at Hanceville to lease facilities from Southern Benedictine College was also included in the bill. However, this amount is not reflected in any total figure.